urban development infrastructure projects like water supply, drainage, sewerage, etc. by promoting private/corporate sector investment and public private partnership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): Solid Waste Management and Water Treatment have been added to the definition of infrastructure for benefits under the Income Tax Act and investments in public companies providing long term finance for such urban infrastructure are included as approved investments for charitable trust.

These will help in attracting private/corporate sector participation in urban infrastructure and enable more investment in such projects.

**Healthy Cities Programme**

1188. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a proposal "Healthy Cities Programme" with financial assistance from World Health Organisation; (WHO);

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the total assistance received by Government, so far, from WHO; and

(c) the names of the cities in Andhra Pradesh which have been covered under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes,Sir

(b) Under the Healthy Cities Programme, WHO had approved an amount of US $ 125.000 for the biennium 1998-99 in order to promote and integrate the concepts of environmental health and healthy cities in municipalities and communities.

(c) No city in Andhra Pradesh was covered under the scheme. However, the Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad and the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies Hyderabad were entrusted with the task of developing Urban Environmental Health Indicators and conducting training courses respectively under the Healthy City Programme.